

2020-2021 SGA Elections – Journal of Election Complaints Received

Complaint No. 90-01

Date Alleged Violation Occurred: 2/18/2020 Time: 5:15pm

Location: On Instagram

Names of Suspected Violator(s): Takia Tinsley

Suspected Violation: Takia Tinsley posted a picture of candidate Audrey Abraham, a speaker of the senate candidate, on to his Instagram Account without the proper approval of his party. In addition, he has posted a picture of his campaign photo with a different caption than what was approved by the Vice Chair of Marketing. This violates Section 5 part (D) of the Election Code and Article 4 Section 3 Part C respectively.

Complaint Filed by: Terry Fye

Hearing date: 2/26/20 Time: 7:05pm

Determination of hearing: Found responsible for Class C violation.

Reason: Candidate was aware of promotion

Sanction: Suspended from campaigning for 48 hours effective 7:05pm 2/26/20 to 7:05pm 2/28/20

Complaint No. 90-02

Date Alleged Violation Occurred: 2/18/2020

Time: 5:00pm

Location: On Instagram

Names of Suspected Violator(s): Audrey Abraham

Suspected Violation: Audrey Abraham posted a picture of candidate Takia Tinsley, an Executive Vice President candidate, on to her Instagram Account without the proper approval of this party. This violates Section 5 part (D) of the Election Code

Complaint Filed by: Terry Fye

Hearing date: 2/21/20 Time: p.m

Determination of hearing: Found not responsible .

Reason: Candidate was not aware of promotion

Sanction: None

Complaint No. 90-03

Date Alleged Violation Occurred: 2/17/2020

Time: 11:02pm

Location: On PIN

Names of Suspected Violator(s): Nigel Walton

Suspected Violation: Complainer raised concerns over what appeared to be collusion between Nigel Walton and Takia Tinsley regarding the endorsement form submitted by Mr. Tinsley on behalf of Phi

Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. Mr. Tinsley is a candidate running for EVP and this may be a breach in the election code (Article 6 section C +Section 2 G (Interfering as a supporter in his org), Article 5 section E (Submitting an endorsement form on behalf of his student Org). Under the current election code's definition of campaigning found in Article 4- Section 1 A Campaigning is defined as "any activity by a candidate or party that is intended or likely to encourage or discourage a voter to cast a vote, or to affect how a student votes." / B Campaigning is defined as "any activity by a candidate or party that is intended or likely to encourage or discourage a voter to cast a vote, or to affect how a student votes."

Complainer accused Mr. Walton of pre-campaigned to an org that Mr. Tinsley was a part of and stated that Mr. Tinsley simply did not recuse himself when submitting the form.

Complaint Filed by: Terry Fye

Hearing date: 2/28/20 Time: p.m.

Determination of hearing: Found not responsible.

Reason: Candidate was not aware of any vote taking place

Sanction: None

Complaint No. 90-04

Date Alleged Violation Occurred: 02/26/2020 Time: 5:00 pm Location: Patton Hall

Names of Suspected Violator(s): Kaelan Thomas

Suspected Violation: Complainer raised concerns about Speaker Thomas's flyer being found in Patton Hall. He was notified of a text that read: "Hey Nigel. I received this flyer in my mailbox in Patton Hall (you know I'm an RA here, so we get various flyers to post on our halls). I was wondering why we didn't receive any other flyers for anyone else who is running for an SGA office position...." This seems to violate Article 4 Campaign Practices and Section 2

Complaint Filed by: Nigel Walton

Hearing date: 3/3/20 Time: p.m.

Determination of hearing: Found not responsible.

Reason: Not a violation

Sanction: None

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Complaint No. 90-05

Date Alleged Violation Occurred: 02/18/2020 Time: "in afternoon"

Location: Instagram Names of Suspected Violator(s): Nigel Walton and Briana Bailey

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Suspected Violation: Complainer reported the “posting and reposting of other candidates. Nigel Walton and Briana Bailey”. This potentially violates the election code “Section 4 – Qualifications of a Party Section C.”

Complaint Filed by: Fabiha Rahman

Status: Nigel Walton was not found in violation

Complaint No. 90-06

Date Alleged Violation Occurred: 2/27/2020 Time: “during the Atlanta SGA Meeting on February 27, 2020” Location: SCW 460/462

Names of Suspected Violator: Kaelan Thomas

Suspected Violation: Complainer reported that “Speaker Kaelan Thomas decided to chair a meeting that involved legislation to the effect that would involve an investigation committee into EVP candidate Takia Tinsley and myself, Presidential candidate Nigel Walton. He arrived late, when he then took the chair from Speaker Pro Tempore Terry Fye. From then on, he made decisions according to the legislation instead of recusing himself. Secondly, he then allowed for his campaign manager to speak. His campaign manager, Ira Livnat is not a part of the body of the Atlanta Senate, therefore he cannot speak.”

Complaint Filed by: Nigel Walton

Hearing date: 3/3/20 Time: p.m.

Determination of hearing: Found not responsible.

Reason: Not a violation

Sanction: None

Complaint No. 90-07

Date Alleged Violation Occurred: 3/2/2020 Time: 2:24 Location: On Instagram

Names of Suspected Violator(s): Nia Cole

Suspected Violation: Complainer reported “Nia Cole posted an unapproved campaign flyer to her personal page at 2:24pm. Vice Chair of Marketing did not approve the material, and this is a Class C violation”

Complaint Filed by: Terry Fye

Hearing date: 3/5/20 Time: 2:00p.m

Determination of hearing: Found responsible for Class C violation.

Reason: Candidate was aware of promotion

Sanction: Suspended from campaigning for 48 hours effective 4:00pm 3/5/20 to 4:00pm 3/7/20

Complaint No. 90-08

Date Alleged Violation Occurred: 3/3/2020 Time: 9:00 AM Location: On Instagram

Names of Suspected Violator(s): Nigel Walton

Suspected Violation: Complainer reported "Nigel was endorsed by Collegiate 100 Atlanta Chapter. Not sure if the endorsement was officially approved by the Election Commission"

Complaint Filed by: John Le

Hearing date: 3/11/20 Time: 11:00 a.m.
Determination of hearing: Found not responsible
Reason: Candidate was unaware of promotion
Sanction: None

Complaint No. 90-09

Date Alleged Violation Occurred: 3/12/2020 Time: 12:15 Location: Student Center West room 486

Names of Suspected Violator(s): Kaelen Thomas

Suspected Violation: Complainer reported "Ira Livnat came into the Hillel room campaigning for Kaelen Thomas"

Complaint Filed by: Isabella Potash

Hearing date: 3/12/20 Time: 8:32 p.m.
Determination of hearing: Found responsible for Class C violation.
Reason: The Presidential Commissioner found the violation did occur as there is no campaigning in the Student Center West according to Article 4 Section 2 E.
Sanction: Suspended from campaigning for 48 hours effective 8:35pm 3/30/20 to 5:25 pm 4/1/20
Appeal Requested: 3/30/2020 9:34 AM Currently under investigation by the SJB

Complaint No. 90-10

Date Alleged Violation Occurred: 3/16/2020 Time: 2:15 Location: Instagram

Names of Suspected Violator(s): Kaelen Thomas

Suspected Violation: Complainer reported "Kaelen Thomas posted an email on Instagram regarding the Presidential run-off election"

Complaint Filed by: Chelsey Snell

Hearing date: 3/30/20 Time: 8:59 a.m.

Determination of hearing: Found responsible for Class C violation.

Reason: Campaigning during Spring Break and before run-off orientation.

Sanction: Suspended from campaigning from 5:25 p.m. 4/1/2020 to 5:25 p.m. 4/3/2020

Appeal Requested: 3/30/2020 9:34 AM Currently under investigation by the SJB

An appeal request was made by Nigel Walton on the margin for a run-off election on 3/23/2020.

This is currently under investigation by the SJB.

Complaint No. 90-11

Date Alleged Violation Occurred: 3/24/2020 Time: 10:23 Location: LinkedIn

Names of Suspected Violator(s): Nigel Walton

Suspected Violation: Complainer reported "Presidential candidate Nigel Walton was seen pre-campaigning on his personal LinkedIn account by posting campaign materials."

Complaint Filed by: Kaelen Thomas

Hearing date: 3/30/20 Time: 7:21 p.m.

Determination of hearing: Found responsible for Class C violation.

Reason: Campaigning during Spring Break and before run-off orientation.

Sanction: Suspended from campaigning from 8:35 p.m. 3/30/2020 to 8:35 p.m. 4/1/2020

Complaint No. 90-12

Date Alleged Violation Occurred: 2/18/2020 Time: 7:41 Location: Instagram

Names of Suspected Violator(s): Nigel Walton

Suspected Violation: Complainer reported "Current SGA Senator Eugene Mafah publicly endorsed Presidential Candidate Nigel Walton on his personal Instagram account."

Complaint Filed by: Kaelen Thomas

Currently under investigation by the election commission

Complaint No. 90-13

Date Alleged Violation Occurred: 02/26/2020 Time: "in afternoon"

Location: Instagram Names of Suspected Violator(s): Briana Bailey

Suspected Violation: Complainer reported the "Candidate posting other candidates not allowed to be in a party with. Briana Bailey."

Complaint Filed by: Audrey Abraham

Status: Complaint was submitted on March 27th 2020 after the deadline for the general election. The ATL Election Commission ruled to deny this complaint.

Complaint No. 90-14

Date Alleged Violation Occurred: 02/18/2020 Time: "in afternoon"

Location: Instagram Names of Suspected Violator(s): Briana Bailey

Suspected Violation: Complainer reported "There were candidates that were posting each other candidates that were not party eligible. Nigel Walton and Briana Bailey"

Complaint Filed by: Audrey Abraham

Status: Currently under investigation by the election commission